

NEWSY ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Ponca Advocate: Mrs. H. H. Hart went to Omaha last week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Carter, also to see the fine baby boy who arrived some three weeks ago.

Allen News: Archie Twamley and brother Harold, drove to Sioux City last Saturday... Joe Isom and Mr. and Mrs. Art Hale were shopping in Sioux City Monday... Mr. and Mrs. Scott Minter left on the Monday noon train for their new home at Alamo, Texas.

Lyons Mirror: Supt. and Mrs. Linton went to Rochester, Minn., Sunday where they will go to the Mayo Bros. in regard to Mrs. Linton's health, which has not been as good as desired for some time. We trust they will find nothing of a serious nature. Miss Clara Newmyer and Miss Corinne Kimberly are substitute teachers during their absence.

Sioux City Journal, 23: Daniel Piazza, 18-year-old bandit and confessed slayer of Sam Corlensky, who was shot and killed during a holdup in South Sioux City, Neb., several days ago, arrived at the Nebraska State penitentiary last evening at 6 o'clock, to begin serving a ten-year sentence and a term of from three to fifteen years on charges of manslaughter and highway robbery, respectively. Piazza pleaded guilty of both charges and was sentenced by Judge Guy T. Graves, of the Dakota county district court. The terms will run concurrently. The proceedings had only a slight resemblance to a trial and Piazza was not represented by counsel. He agreed to plead guilty to both charges and was sentenced. He was taken to Lincoln on a Burlington train that left Dakota City at noon.

Sioux City Journal, 22: Clyde Lake yesterday was placed under arrest by deputy sheriffs in the office of W. H. Jones, sheriff, and is held on an indictment returned by the January grand jury charging him with carrying concealed weapons... The threatened "strike" of South Sioux City school teachers was cleared up with the virtual acceptance of the compromise offer of the board of education which granted a partial raise in wages. "The matter has been settled, I think," A. Brodie Cowie, president of the board of education, said last evening. "We expect replies from the teachers at any time. I have heard from several unofficially that our offer was acceptable." The board president said that the "sacrifice" was made in the interests of the school children. "We could not afford to keep our children out of school two months," one board member said.

Sioux City Journal, 24: The bandit, Dan Piazza, 18 years old, sentenced to an indeterminate term of from twelve to twenty-five years in the Nebraska state penitentiary for the manslaughter of his pal, Sam Corlensky, and the robbing of five men in South Sioux City on January 13, was "cocky" to the last, Sheriff Geo. Cain, of Dakota county, said last evening. The sheriff returned yesterday from Lincoln, where he had escorted Piazza. He stayed with the youthful robber until the latter entered the door of his cell in the state

prison. "I got twenty-five years, and I wouldn't give a— if I had got forty-five," Piazza said to the sheriff, as the two parted at the cell's door. Sheriff Cain stated that Piazza had made the entire trip in an extremely jovial mood, singing and smiling the whole way from South Sioux City. When sentenced by the court he replied to the judge's remarks with a broad smile.

Walthill Citizen: Mrs. W. H. Mason and daughter Lena, were Sioux City visitors last Friday and Saturday... Mrs. Clarence Rower and Mrs. Tom Means were Sioux City visitors several days last week... Mrs. J. P. Matousek returned home Friday from her Homer visit with her brother, Louie Vlazak... Mrs. W. H. Mason left Sunday noon for Fullerton, to help care for her cousin, Miss Helen Rix, who is just recovering from a severe sick spell. She will be gone a week or ten days... A fire visited the home of Albert Means, east of town Tuesday night a little after 9 o'clock. Mrs. Means had been baking bread and it is supposed left too hot a fire on retiring for the night. They were awakened shortly after going to bed only to find the house in flames and barely had time to get on their clothing and get to safety before the roof fell in. Only a few household goods were saved. Several men from town went out but the fire was too far advanced to save anything. It was quite a bad loss to the family, estimated at about \$1,200.

Emerson Enterprise: Mrs. Martin Fillman of Homer, is spending a week with her sisters, Mrs. Chas. Rockwell and Mrs. Clyde Myers, and other relatives... Mr. and Mrs. John Watson went to South Sioux City Monday to see their niece, Mrs. Harry Church. They also went over to the city for part of the day... Miss Margaret Voss of Colridge visited last week with her cousin, Miss Mandie Hintz. She visited in Sioux City and Nacora the first of the week, returning home Wednesday... Mrs. Harry Heikes of Dakota City, came home to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Robert Poole, and help her entertain the ladies of the Aid society on Thursday afternoon... Carmel Maurice, the 19-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maurice, died at the hospital in Sioux City early Monday morning of diphtheria. The little one was taken suddenly ill Thursday and local physicians advised that he be taken to the city where every effort was made to save the little life, but in vain. Burial was made at Hubbard Monday evening and was private, owing to the nature of the disease... Congressman and Mrs. Evans of this congressional district were hurried from Washington, D. C., the latter part of last week to attend the funeral of their eldest son, John B., who was killed in an automobile accident in South Dakota Thursday of last week. The deceased was born and raised in Dakota county and was at one time engaged in the pureblood Duroc hog game, and made quite a reputation for a while. The writer was personally acquainted with him, and did considerable advertising and printing for him. He was a likeable, big-hearted young man, and his sudden demise is a sad one, indeed.

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Farm Bureau Field Notes

C. R. Young, County Agent

C. C. Beermann, president of the County Farm Bureau; Mrs. J. T. Graham, chairman of the woman's section of the Farm Bureau; R. A. Voss of Homer, Miss Florence Atwood, Home Demonstration Agent, and the County Agent were among those who attended the State Farm Bureau and other meetings of the week of Organized Agriculture at our State University. The attendance at all sessions was good and the interest was unusually good. Especially was this true of the meetings of the State Farm Bureau and Home Economics Association. The State Farm Bureau Association voted to join the National Federation. What this step will mean to this county and the state will be discussed from time to time in later articles. Mrs. J. T. Graham was made president of the State Home Maker's Association. This is in a large measure due to the good work the women are doing in this county.

Mr. Don Forbes, secretary of our County Farm Bureau, showed the first prize ten ear sample of yellow corn for the Eastern Nebraska section. This sample also won sweepstakes, being the best ten ears in the show. This is the same sample, with the exception of one ear, that Mr. Forbes showed at this year's Farmer's Institute. At the two shows, he has taken a total of forty dollars in prizes on this sample. Mr. Forbes has exhibited corn at the Lincoln show five times. At four of these he has been a winner.

At the apple show about twenty sample plates were shown from the L. S. Bliven orchard. Mr. Bliven lives on the Meridian road between Homer and Dakota City. The awards showed that his apples had won fourteen first and second prizes. These were given on the following varieties: Wealthy, Gano, Malinda, Longfield, Northwest Greening, Mann, Pewaukee, Huntsman, Iowa Blush, Price's Sweet, Wagner, Snow, Salome, Plum Cider. Still some people say this is no apple country.

Meetings to assist farmers in balancing their farm accounts for the past year will be held at the Bank at Goodwin, Tuesday, February 3rd, and at the town hall in Homer on Wednesday, February 4th. Both of these meetings will begin at 10 A. M., and continue throughout the day. Bring your accounts and let us help you with your troubles. On Monday evening at 7:30, a lecture on Farm Accounting will be held at the Court room in Dakota City. Mr. P. K. Whelpton of the State University will assist in all of this work. Readers of the Nebraska Farmer are no doubt acquainted with Mr. Whelpton through his recent articles on inventories. Everybody is invited to these meetings. If you desire to open 1920 account books, bring them with you.

A short time ago we mailed questionnaires to our farmers asking that they check off the things in which they will be interested this year, also to indicate the lines of County Agent work they would like to have conducted on their farms. Many of these have been returned but not all. This is important in outlining the New Year's program. If you have not already done so, we will be glad to have you send them at this time. If you have miss-laid the list make your own list and send it to us.

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THE JOURNAL AND THE CENSUS ENUMERATION

(Written for The Herald by Rev. C. R. Lowe)

"Not hundreds, but thousands," is the way the Journal speaks of the omissions in the census enumeration that is now closed in that place. And after the Chamber of Commerce and the public in general is all worked up over the matter, then there are hopes that the city will have every man enrolled, but the whole trouble, as the Journal sees it, is that the system of the census bureau is so antiquated that it is the fault of the government the people are not reported. And yet they do not claim to be able to judge concerning the census methods.

In the last three weeks we have had the privilege to make some observations concerning the gathering of the census, and the methods of it. This leads us to believe that if you want the information you have to go right out and get it. Know what you want to find out and then go for it, to the best place to get it. There are some questions regarding children which do seem to be useless, for example, whether a baby is married or not, and whether it has an occupation, and there are some questions omitted which appear to us to be of value, for example, whether an eight year old child born in a foreign speaking family can speak English or not; but that does not have anything to do with the system of gathering the information.

There are certain definite questions which are to be asked, and there are definite persons to ask. Get a man where he sleeps. That is the rule. There is difficulty in finding the man there in the daytime. We all know, but it would be multiplied if you had to find the man where he was at work or loafing in order to ask him personally. That is all there is to the system. All the rest is up to the enumerators. If the whole number of people are not got it is because of the lack of care in the enumerators and not the system. There is a personal element in every job which ought not to be overlooked.

If Sioux City did not have men enough to do the job right in the allotted time, the fault ought not to be laid at the door of the system and the government, and if the time was 30 days there as it is here in Dakota precinct, and they tried to do it in half the allotted time, then again, the fault ought not to be put up against the system. The Dakota county enumerators are instructed to take plenty of time, though not too much. We would guess the Sioux City workers were instructed to take plenty of time to do the work right.

Personally, we have enjoyed the work. Most of the going was done afoot, and the walking was not irksome. We found out a thing or two in the past three weeks that will be of value to us in church work as long as we live in the community. Every one treated us with greatest courtesy and consideration, and answered our questions readily. We are grateful to the folks for this.

FOR SALE

Some good Marquis Seed Wheat. T. H. SULLIVAN, Jackson, Nebraska.

DAKOTA CITY SCHOOL NOTES

A. H. BRUNELLE, Principal

Playing their first real game of the season, the local basketball tossers went down to defeat before the Sioux City second team Friday night at the Morningside gymnasium. From the time that the boys went on the floor they experienced difficulty in finding the basket. When the game began, Sioux City's superior team work and greater sureness in handling the ball became at once evident. As a result, the ball was in Dakota City's territory most of the first half. Sioux City's effective guarding preventing Dakota City from working the ball into their opponents' territory and ruining what shots were attempted. Coach Hoyt sent in four new men for the second half, when things began to be more even. During this half, Sioux City scored six points to Dakota City's four; some real form and real fighting spirit were shown by the locals during this half. Graham of Dakota City elicited very favorable comment for his clever work as he repeatedly broke up plays and passed the ball by skillful dribbling into Sioux City's territory. He made Dakota City's 4 points. Final score—Sioux City seconds, 24; Dakota City, 4.

In spite of the difficulty that has been experienced in arranging a schedule, the following two home games are now finally certain: Oakland, February 6th. Emerson, February 12th.

The refusal of the local team to play at Lyons January 16, because an ineligible player was not allowed on the team, led to the cancelling of both games with Lyons. Negotiations are under way, however, for games with Lyons, and it is hoped that they may be scheduled.

Lutheran Church Notes

By Rev. C. R. Lowe.

Do not forget the ladies' aid society which meets at Mrs. H. E. Brown's home next Wednesday afternoon, nor that you have a special invitation to attend. If you would like to have a good time, here is your chance. Do not expect anyone to make you enjoy yourself, you will have to do half way. That ought to be a pleasure to you. Just get into the game.

The preacher got a new light on life the other day. That is it was personal. He was talking to Dan Piazza, the confessed manslayer; and robber the day he was taken to the penitentiary. "Life is all a gamble," is what Dan told him, and also, "I have seen it worked out that when a man wins he loses, and there you are. I guess it will not be so bad," said he, in regard to the pen, for ten to fifteen years. He did not have any apparent concern as to having killed a man, nor to having to go to prison. He was sorry that he had lost a friend, but most of that was because it had been the means of his being caught, as he believed. "If I had killed any of the other men I would be in Sioux City today," he said.

If that is all the view of life a man has, what wonder is it that there are so many criminals, the wonder is that there are no more. If a man does not care for his own life he will not care for any other man's. And the reason is not that the boy is ignorant, he does not look it; he converses well. He has a low standard of life. It is not because he has had no opportunities, for he was born in this country. It is not that he is poor, for his dress did not show that, and he did not look as though he had been used to hunger, nor did he appear to be sickly nor overworked. He simply has a low value for life. A pity it is that a man living in this country should have such an estimate of things.

And what is more, we do not see how we are going to make a change so the like will not be. We have

got away from the old way of things because of our personal jealousies for our own 'religions' that we will not have anything of the bible taught in the public schools, and a lot of the folks will not go to the church. We have got so far away that there is not even any moral principles taught, not even what is called Pure Morals, that is morals without reference to religion at all. We can and do teach sciences that lead away from the Christian religion, but anything which smacks of Christian morals is under the ban. About all the work there is being done is being done by the churches, and a lot of people are saying the church is not doing her duty because she is not accomplishing more. It is the wish of every church man she should accomplish more. But the fact is that the church cannot reach a lot of folks who ought to be reached. Such men as Dan Piazza. The fact is that such men do not want to be reached. You can do all sorts of things in the church and with it for such people and they will not be there. I know a man, a friend, who is or has been the butt of some good natured jokes at the hands of his associates in business because he has a preacher for a friend. The M. E. church at Waterloo has a fine building and a fine organ and a good organist. They opened the house once a week with a free concert for the special benefit of the poor who did not have the opportunity to go to operas, and who did not go to church since they felt they were out of their own class. These concerts went on for only about a month till they stopped for lack of attendance. Now we ask what is the church to do? All we can answer is to go ahead and preach the gospel, and walk according to the light of it, "that by well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of fooling men." No one expects the people to be legislated righteous, and yet some think the church can turn all men into righteousness. We submit that the church is doing through her activities more than all the other organizations combined for the making of a better world.

Farmers Should Take Inventories

The commissioner of internal revenue has notified the Nebraska College of Agriculture that farmers' inventories taken at market value less cost of production should be accepted in determining income tax. Up to the time of this ruling there were instances where revenue men refused to accept farm inventories, saying they could not be used under any conditions. This often meant an increased tax for the farmer to pay. The College has always argued that farmers should be allowed to take inventories, the same as business men do, and that only by inventories could a proper determination of income tax be made. One instance is cited where the refusal of an inventory cost a farmer more than \$500.

Gage County Lake Drained

The Gage county farm bureau and the Nebraska College of Agriculture co-operating have installed a drainage system a mile north of the town of Ellis which reclaims about twenty acres of land and makes passable a road that has long given considerable trouble. A line of 8-inch tile was extended thru a hill from two catch basins. In less than three days the lake was dry for the first time in several years. The Gage county project is a demonstration of what may be accomplished with many small lakes and undrained areas in Nebraska. To encourage the drainage of land, the United States department of agriculture has issued a bulletin, dealing with this subject. This bulletin, farmers' bulletin 524, may be obtained from the College of Agriculture, Lincoln.

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